## CLAIMS:

WE CLAIM:

1. A rifle (1), comprising a stock (2) with a housing (10) provided with a housing sheath (11) and a barrel (4), said barrel (4) having a barrel sleeve (7) adapted to be removably received by the housing sheath (11) of the housing (10) of the stock (2), said housing sheath (11) being provided with a slot (12) extending longitudinally along said housing sheath (11), said housing sheath (11) having means (15, 16) for varying the slot width in the region of the slot (12),

characterized in that the diameter of the housing sheath is adjustable to the diameter of the barrel sleeve using the means (15, 16) for varying the slot width, the barrel sleeve (7) of the barrel (4) being positively lockable with the housing sheath (11).

2. The rifle according to claim 1,

characterized in that the means (15, 16) for varying the slot width of the housing sheath (11) are comprised of at least one screw (15) that spans the slot (12) and is adapted to be tension-biased and of at least one screw (16) that expands the slot (12).

3. The rifle according to claim 2,

characterized in that a screw (16) that expands the slot (12) is disposed along said slot (12) between at least two screws that are adapted to be tension-biased.

4. The rifle according to claim 1,

characterized in that the barrel (4) has a forearm (3) that is fastened to the barrel (4).

5. The rifle according to claim 1,

characterized in that a latch (20) with a latch head (21) is provided for locking the barrel sleeve (7) of the barrel (4) to the housing sheath (11), said latch being slidably carried across the longitudinal axis of the housing sheath (11) in the housing sheath (11) and the latch head (21) being insertable in a mating recess (7a) in the barrel sleeve (7).

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6. The rifle according to claim 5,

characterized in that the recess (7a) is disposed on the circumference of the barrel sleeve (7).

7. The rifle according to claim 5,

characterized in that the latch head (21) of the latch (20) is adapted to disengage the recess (7a) against the bias of a spring (22).

8. The rifle according to claim 5,

characterized in that the latch head (21) has a slant (21a) in the direction of insertion of the barrel (4) into the housing (10).

9. The rifle according to claim 4,

characterized in that a bolt guidance (8, 9) is provided between the forearm (3) and the stock (2).

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